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EXPEDITED PROCEDURE
EXAMINING GROUP 1623

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re patent application of: Metin COLPAN

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Title: DEVICE AND A PROCESS FOR THE ISOLATION OF NUCLEIC ACIDS

SECOND AMENDMENT SUBMITTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.16

Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Applicant submits the instant Amendment in conjunction with the Appeal Brief, filed concurrently herewith, to correct inadvertent clerical occurring in the Amendments filed November 24, 1997, and March 31, 1999.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 62-68 and 70-100, and substitute therefore the following claims 101-119.

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101. A process for the isolation and purification of nucleic acids from cells comprising, in two separation/purification stages, the steps of:
i) in a first separation/purification stage,

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